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| <i>U.S. grades</i> | <i>Grade names and specifications</i>  |
|--------------------|--|
|                    | Thin to medium body, mature to ripe, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.                      |
| C5F .....          | Low Medium-brown Thin Leaf.  |
|                    | Thin to medium body, mature to ripe, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.                      |
| C2D .....          | Fine Dark-brown Thin Leaf.   |
|                    | Thin to medium body, mature to ripe, firm, oily, semielastic, strong, clear finish, deep color intensity, spready, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.                        |
| C3D .....          | Good Dark-brown Thin Leaf.   |
|                    | Thin to medium body, mature to ripe, firm, lean in oil, inelastic, normal strength, clear finish, moderate color intensity, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance. |
| C4D .....          | Fair Dark-brown Thin Leaf.   |
|                    | Thin to medium body, mature to ripe, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.                      |
| C5D .....          | Low Dark-brown Thin Leaf.  |
|                    | Thin to medium body, mature to ripe, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.                      |
| C3M .....          | Good Mixed Color Thin Leaf.  |
|                    | Thin to medium body, mature, firm, oily, semielastic, normal strength and width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.  |
| C4M .....          | Fair Mixed Color Thin Leaf.  |
|                    | Thin to medium body, mature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.   |
| C5M .....          | Low Mixed Color Thin Leaf.   |
|                    | Thin to medium body, immature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.   |
| C3G .....          | Good Green Thin Leaf.  |
|                    | Thin to medium body, mature, firm, oily, semielastic, normal strength, clear finish, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.  |
| C4G .....          | Fair Green Thin Leaf.  |
|                    | Thin to medium body, immature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.  |
| C5G .....          | Low Green Thin Leaf.   |
|                    | Thin to medium body, immature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, narrow, 60 percent uniform and 40 percent injury tolerance.   |

## § 29.2439 Lugs (X Group).

This group consists of leaves that normally grow near the bottom of the stalk. These leaves usually have a

blunt tip, tend to roll, and show ground injury.

| <i>U.S. grades</i> | <i>Grade names and specifications</i>   |
|--------------------|---|
| X1L .....          | Choice Light-brown Lugs.  |
|                    | Thin to medium body, ripe, firm to open, oily, normal strength, clear finish, moderate color intensity, 95 percent uniform, and 5 percent injury tolerance.   |
| X2L .....          | Fine Light-brown Lugs.  |
|                    | Thin to medium body, ripe, firm to open, oily, normal strength, clear finish, moderate color intensity, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.  |
| X3L .....          | Good Light-brown Lugs.  |
|                    | Thin to medium body, ripe, open, lean in oil, normal strength, dull finish, pale color intensity, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.        |
| X4L .....          | Fair Light-brown Lugs.  |
|                    | Thin to medium body, mature open, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.                  |
| X5L .....          | Low Light-brown Lugs.   |
|                    | Thin to medium body, mature, open, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.                 |
| X1F .....          | Choice Medium-brown Lugs.   |
|                    | Medium body, ripe, firm to open, oily, normal strength, clear finish, moderate color intensity, 95 percent uniform, and 5 percent injury tolerance.           |
| X2F .....          | Fine Medium-brown Lugs.   |
|                    | Medium body, ripe, firm to open, oily, normal strength, clear finish, moderate color intensity, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.          |
| X3F .....          | Good Medium-brown Lugs.   |
|                    | Medium body, ripe, open, lean in oil, normal strength, dull finish, pale color intensity, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.                |
| X4F .....          | Fair Medium-brown Lugs.   |
|                    | Thin to medium body, mature, open, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.                 |
| X5F .....          | Low Medium-brown Lugs.  |
|                    | Thin to medium body, mature, open, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.                 |
| X1D .....          | Choice Dark-brown Lugs.   |
|                    | Medium to heavy body, ripe, firm to open, oily, normal strength, clear finish, moderate color intensity, 95 percent uniform, and 5 percent injury tolerance.  |
| X2D .....          | Fine Dark-brown Lugs.   |
|                    | Medium to heavy body, ripe, firm to open, oily, normal strength, clear finish, moderate color intensity, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance. |
| X3D .....          | Good Dark-brown Lugs.   |

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| <i>U.S. grades</i> | <i>Grade names and specifications</i>   |
|--------------------|---|
|                    | Medium to heavy body, ripe, open, lean in oil, normal strength, dull finish, pale color intensity, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.                 |
| X4D .....          | Fair Dark-brown Lugs.<br>Medium to heavy body, mature, open, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance. |
| X5D .....          | Low Dark-brown Lugs.<br>Medium to heavy body, mature, open, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.  |
| X3M .....          | Good Mixed Color Lugs.<br>Medium to heavy body, mature, open, lean in oil, normal strength, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.                        |
| X4M .....          | Fair Mixed Color Lugs.<br>Thin to medium body, mature, open, lean in oil, weak, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.                                    |
| X5M .....          | Low Mixed Color Lugs.<br>Thin to medium body, mature, open, lean in oil, weak, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.                                     |
| X3G .....          | Good Green Lugs.<br>Medium to heavy body, mature, firm, lean in oil, normal strength, dull finish, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.                 |
| X4G .....          | Fair Green Lugs.<br>Medium to heavy body, immature, close, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.                         |
| X5G .....          | Low Green Lugs.<br>Thin to medium body, immature, close, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.                           |

## § 29.2440 (N Group).

Extremely common tobacco which does not meet the minimum specifications or which exceeds the tolerance of the lowest grade of any other group except scrap.

| <i>U.S. grades</i> | <i>Grade names and specifications</i>   |
|--------------------|---|
| N1L .....          | First quality light colored nondescript, thin to medium body and 50 percent injury tolerance.                             |
| N1D .....          | First quality dark colored nondescript, medium to heavy body and 50 percent injury tolerance.                             |
| N1GL .....         | First quality light colored crude green nondescript, thin to medium body and 50 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance. |
| N1GD .....         | First quality dark colored crude green nondescript, medium to heavy body and 50 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance. |

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|--------------------|--|
| N2 .....           | Substandard Nondescript—Nondescript of any group or color, over 50 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance. |

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## § 29.2441 Scrap (S Group).

A byproduct of unstemmed and stemmed tobacco. Scrap accumulates from handling tobacco in farm buildings, warehouses, packing and conditioning plants, and stemmeries.

| <i>U.S. grade</i> | <i>Grade name and specifications</i>  |
|-------------------|---|
| S .....           | Scrap. Tangled, whole, or broken unstemmed leaves, or the web portions of tobacco leaves reduced to scrap by any process. |

## SUMMARY OF STANDARD GRADES

## § 29.2461 Summary of standard grades.

| <i>4 Grades of wrappers</i>    |     |      |      |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|------|------|-----|
| A1F                            | A2F | A1D  | A2D  |     |
| <i>20 Grades of thin leaf</i>  |     |      |      |     |
| C1L                            | C1F | C2D  |      |     |
| C2L                            | C2F | C3D  | C3M  | C3G |
| C3L                            | C3F | C4D  | C4M  | C4G |
| C4L                            | C4F | C5D  | C5M  | C5G |
| C5L                            | C5F |      |      |     |
| <i>5 Grades of nondescript</i> |     |      |      |     |
| N1L                            | N1D | N1GL | N1GD |     |
| N2                             |     |      |      |     |
| <i>16 Grades of heavy leaf</i> |     |      |      |     |
| B1F                            | B1D |      |      |     |
| B2F                            | B2D |      |      |     |
| B3F                            | B3D | B3M  | B3G  |     |
| B4F                            | B4D | B4M  | B4G  |     |
| B5F                            | B5D | B5M  | B5G  |     |
| <i>21 Grades of lugs</i>       |     |      |      |     |
| X1L                            | X1F | X1D  |      |     |
| X2L                            | X2F | X2D  |      |     |
| X3L                            | X3F | X3D  | X3M  | X3G |
| X4L                            | X4F | X4D  | X4M  | X4G |
| X5L                            | X5F | X5D  | X5M  | X5G |
| <i>1 Grade of scrap</i>        |     |      |      |     |
|                                |     |      |      | S   |

Special factors “U”, “W” and “SF” may be applied to all grades. Tobacco not covered by the standard grades is designated “No-G.”

## Standard sizes applicable.

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| A1, A2 .....                           | 2, 3    |
| B1 .....                               | 2, 3    |
| B2, B3, B4, B5 .....                   | 1, 2, 3 |
| C1 .....                               | 2, 3    |
| C2, C3, C4, C5 .....                   | 1, 2, 3 |
| X3, X4, X5, M and G <sup>1</sup> ..... | 2       |

<sup>1</sup> No size is applied to these grades if tobacco is under size 2.

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